

Race to the Top

Phase 1 Reviewer Profile

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Our peer reviewers have expertise in the key qualification areas:

1. Education Policy
2. Education Reform
3. Capacity and Scale
4. Application Review and Evaluation

They have a broad understanding of each of the four ARRA reform areas

1. Standards and Assessments
2. Teachers and School Leaders
3. Data Systems
4. School Turnarounds

They include people who have worked directly with students and know what it takes to implement reforms:

- 15 are **former principals** (26% of reviewers)
- 30 are former **K-12 teachers** (52% of reviewers)

They know what it takes to manage infrastructures at the State and district levels and the importance of engaging key stakeholders in reform efforts:

- 12 have **served on State or local boards of education** (21% of reviewers)
- 15 are **former State or district superintendents** (26% of reviewers)

DEMOGRAPHICS

- There are 26 (45% of reviewers) men and 32 (55% of reviewers) women
- From across the nation:
 - West 13 (22% of reviewers)
 - South 13 (22% of reviewers)
 - Midwest 7 (12% of reviewers)
 - Northeast 25 (43% of reviewers)
- 35 **have doctoral degrees** (60% of reviewers) and 4 are **attorneys** (7% of reviewers)